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SUBJECT: DHEW/OHD/RSA/SFCP - OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF

-- DR. DON THURMAN

1. DR. DON THURMAN, DEPT. OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, IS PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN NEW DELHI SUNDAY, MARCH 21 AT 0620 VIA PA NO. 2. ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET DR. THURMAN UPON ARRIVAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CAN MEET WITH YOU ON MONDAY, MARCH 22 AT 1000. DR. THURMAN WILL BE CONSULTING ON RSA PROJECTS IN TRIVANDRUM AND BOMBAY FROM MARCH 23 TO APRIL 2.

2. DR. THURMAN WILL STAY AT THE ASHOKA HOTEL 2 NIGHTS, 3/21 AND 3/22. CONFIRMATION OF HIS RESERVATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. DR. THURMAN'S SCHEDULE CALLS FOR DEPARTURE NEW DELHI VIA IC NO. 186 AT 0620, ARRIVE BOMBAY 0815, THEN DEPARTURE FROM BOMBAY ON IC NO. 167 AT 1125 TO TRIVANDRUM, ARRIVING 1405. REQUEST EMBASSY ASK DR. MENON OF TRIVANDRUM MEDICAL COLLEGE TO MEET DR. THURMAN AND ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO COVALOM BEACH HOTEL. REQUEST EMBASSY ALSO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS FOR DR. THURMAN AT COVALOM BEACH HOTEL 5 NIGHTS, 3/23 TO 3/27.

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3. DR. THURMAN WILL WORK WITH DR. MENON AND MR. VIJAYACHANDRAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE TRAINING DEPARTMENT OF KERALA STATE IN DEVELOPING A PROPOSAL ON ESTABLISHING A TRAINING CENTER FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED IN INDUSTRIALLY ORIENTED VOCATIONS AND IN LINKING SUCH A CENTER WITH THE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTER. WRITING THIS PROPOSAL IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING. IF MR. G.B. SINGH COULD ACCOMPANY DR. THURMAN AND ASSIST IN PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE. THERE ARE MANY RAMIFICATIONS TO THIS PROJECT WHICH HE MIGHT HELP WITH. WE ANTICIPATE THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE LABOR MINISTRY.

4. DR. THURMAN WILL LEAVE TRIVANDRUM SUNDAY MARCH 28 AT 1445 VIA IC NO. 168 TO BOMBAY. PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATIONS TAJ MAHAL HOTEL 3 NIGHTS, 3/28 TO 3/30. HE WILL WORK WITH DR. DESAI AT K.E.M. HOSPITAL ON MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT ON EPILEPSY. REFERENCE MR. SINGH'S LETTER OF JUNE 5, 1975 FOR MORE DETAILS ON THIS PROJECT. AGAIN, IF MR. SINGH MIGHT ASSIST DR. THURMAN IN PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT NO DOUBT MORE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE. MR. SINGH'S ACCOMPANIMENT OF DR. THURMAN THROUGHOUT HIS JOURNEY, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, WOULD ALSO HELP DR. THURMAN IN HIS ORIENTATION SINCE THIS IS HIS FIRST TRIP TO INDIA.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE DR. DESAI WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE MARCH 29 TO 31. IN A LETTER WE HAVE ASKED HIM TO NOTIFY THE EMBASSY REGARDING HIS AVAILABILITY. IN THE CASE DR. DESAI IS NOT AVAILABLE WE REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY REASSIGN DR. THURMAN TO FOLLOW UP ON OTHER PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY KNOWN TO YOU, INCLUDING THE PARAPLEGIC PROJECT IN CHANDIGARH AND ARRANGE VISITS IN BOMBAY AND NEW DELHI TO VOCATIONALLY ORIENTED REHABILITATION FACILITIES.

6. DR. THURMAN WILL DEPART BOMBAY VIA IC NO. 183 AT 1900 ON MARCH 31, ARRIVING NEW DELHI AT 2045. HE WILL STAY AT THE ASHOKA HOTEL TWO NIGHTS, 3/31 AND 4/1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF HIS RESERVATIONS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSPORTATION TO HIS HOTEL IF POSSIBLE. DR. THURMAN WILL COMPLETE HIS FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION AT THE EMBASSY ON APRIL 1 AND DEPART NEW DELHI ON PA NO. 1 AT 0650 ON APRIL 2.

7. THANKS TO THE EMBASSY FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. INGERSOLL

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